

MINUTES OF THE  
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON APRIL 16, 2007  
(Approved May 7, 2007)

The Board of Supervisors held a Workshop Meeting on Monday, April 16, 2007. Present for the meeting were supervisors W. Atlee Rinehart, Robert F. Preston, Timothy Roland and Rosemarie C. Miller. Also in attendance was John A. Koury, Jr., Township Solicitor. John Doering, Jr. was not present. Mr. Koury left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Mr. Rinehart called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. An executive session immediately followed to discuss sewer easements, contract matters concerning the temporary manager, and litigation, possibly associated with Keystate Publishing, Inc. The workshop meeting reconvened at 7:42 p.m.

Mr. Preston moved to accept the resignation of Casey LaLonde dated April 2, 2007 that took effect April 5, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. on that date. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote. Mr. Roland thanked Mr. LaLonde for his service.

Mr. Preston moved to engage the services of Mr. Peter Marshall at the rate of \$85/hour for approximately two days a week. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Mr. Preston moved to re-adopt Resolution 2007-11 for easement acquisition and payment to Walter and Jeanette Leuchak and authorize requisition to Commerce Bank. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Mr. Preston moved to reaffirm previous authorizations on Resolutions 2007-12 through 2007-15. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote. The resolutions are listed below with a description:

Resolution 2007-12: Frederick and Barbara Martin sewer easement acquisition  
Resolution 2007-13: Gabriel and Michele Serbin sewer easement acquisition  
Resolution 2007-14: Douglas and Charlotte McLean sewer easement acquisition  
Resolution 2007-15: Heritage-Creekview LP sewer easement acquisition

Mr. Preston moved to accept the Heritage Building Group – Creekview easement in accordance with Resolution 2007-15 and authorize payment to Creekview by requisition. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

**1. MINUTES**

Minutes of the April 2, 2007 Monthly Meeting

Mr. Preston moved to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2007 monthly meeting as amended and with the inclusion of the comments found in the second draft attached. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote. Amendments are under subheading, *Public Comment*, in the third paragraph delete the duplicated Mr.,

under subheading, *Walley Tract*, change the header to read 'Walley, Frederick, Trumbauer, Rinehart Tract, under subheading, *Additional Items Brought Before the Board*, twelfth paragraph to read 'Mr. Kolb, Public Works Supervisors, noted he has plans to repave the parking lot, in fifteen paragraph add the price to move the fuel tanks.

#### Minutes of the April 5, 2007 Special Meeting

Mr. Preston moved to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2007 special meeting as amended. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote. Amendments are in the second paragraph the third sentence should read 'Prior to executive session a sewer matter was acted on', in the sixth paragraph add the work 'who' between 'Ulmer' and 'resigned'.

#### Minutes of the April 9, 2007 Zoning Taskforce Meeting

Mr. Roland moved to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2007 zoning taskforce meeting as presented. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gary Bachrach of 491 Schoolhouse Road had questions regarding the sewer project. Mr. Bachrach inquired about funding/state loans for hookups. The Chairman of the Board noted an open invitation would be extended to area banks to discuss private loans with residents at the township building. The Chairman of the Board will arrange for the banks.

Joe Clark of 134 Springcreek Lane inquired about the tie-in distance and it was noted the tie-in distance is 150'.

## **3. OTHER BUSINES**

## **4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### 10-Year Capital Projects Program

Mr. Preston moved to approve the Township Engineer proposal dated April 2, 2007, last revised April 5, 2007 regarding a 10-year capital projects program for the amount of \$28,250.00 upon verification of available Capital Funds based on cash on hand. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

### NPDES Phase II MS-4 Program

Mrs. Miller moved to approve the Township Engineer proposal dated April 4, 2007 regarding preparation of Year 4 Annual Report for amount not to exceed \$2,500 which amount was included in a previously approved ARRO proposal under the MS-4 NPDES program. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

### Stormwater

Bill Morgan of 288 Sawmill Road was present to discuss stormwater issues.

Mr. Morgan noted concerns of stormwater from Coventry Greene impacting his property. Mr. Preston noted the Chester County Conservation District approved the stormwater

controls for the Coventry Greene development and approved by-passing upstream stormwater flows around the Coventry Greene stormwater controls. Mr. Preston recommended Mr. Morgan contact the Chester County Conservation District on the stormwater issue. Mr. Preston also stated the Board of Supervisors has developed reduced stormwater detention/retention basin outlet rates. Mr. Roland noted he would contact the resident to discuss the issue.

#### Township Trails

Carol Tucci, member of the Parks and Recreation Committee, inquired about monies for the preparation of a trail plan. Mr. Preston recommended the Parks and Recreation Committee provide a map to include existing and recommended proposed trails and submit to the Board for review and provide such information by September for possible inclusion in the 2008 budget.

Mr. Clark of 134 Springcreek Lane noted that network of private horse trails must be updated due to development.

Page Gowen of 168 Sanatoga Road noted that walking and riding trails should be separate. Mrs. Gowen suggested a sub-committee be formed to discuss horse trails. Bruce Stephens of the Parks and Recreation Committee noted that the 1992 Open Space Plan could be followed.

Jay Erb, member of the North Coventry Parks and Recreation Committee and Andy Paravis, Chairman, North Coventry Board of Supervisors were present. Mr. Paravis noted that the Hopewell French Creek Trail is linked to the Schuylkill Trail and noted that federal, state, county, and local properties could be linked with community trails. North Coventry has been asking for developers to provide rural trails and North Coventry would like to hook into East Coventry trails, potentially with the Cedar Mill Crossing development.

Mr. Paravis noted that the Planning Commission works with Parks and Recreation with planning trails, the developer installs the trails and the maintenance falls under the Home Owner's Association (HOA), the trails are open to all township residents. North Coventry expressed interest in working with East Coventry on a trail system and residents from both townships would have access.

Chris Moore Milne of 1381 Ellis Woods Road noted that new residents have expressed interest in getting involved with horse riding and the influx of new people could create more activity on trails. Mr. Paravis suggested the developers develop the trails before residents move in as East Coventry Township policy already does require the trails to be installed prior to selling the homes.

#### **5. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Mr. Preston moved to pay bills for the General Fund in the amount of \$120,192.74 contingent upon sufficient funds are available. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Mr. Roland moved to pay bills for the Sewer Operating Fund in the amount of \$21,519.18. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote. Mr. Preston noted Mr. Roland and himself are to meet with Commerce Bank on April 25, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. and payment by requisition will be discussed. Subsequently the meeting changes to April 26, 2007 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the township building.

Mr. Preston moved to pay bills for the Traffic Impact Fund in the amount of \$800.00. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Mr. Preston moved to pay bills for the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$4,350.89. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Mrs. Miller moved to pay bills for the Highway Aid Fund in the amount of \$3,093.82. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Mrs. Miller moved to pay bills for the Water Users Fund in the amount of \$264.78. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

## **6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD**

Members of the Historical Commission presented proofs for the 2008 Historical Calendar. The items contained a pictorial of the canal and Fricks Locks Village. Ms. Brower noted that three bids would be obtained from printers. Mr. Preston moved to approve the calendar material as presented. Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Gail Brown, Chair of the Historical Commission, was present to discuss the stone wall at Wineberry Estates.

Mr. Preston moved to rescind the original condition in the plan approval resolution regarding the stone wall and replace it with.....a landscape architect is to work the 410' (section to be removed) stone wall and incorporate the removed section of the stone wall into the landscapes in a structured manner and keep the stone removed from the existing wall on the original (Maack Road) side of the road (north side of Maack Road). Mr. Roland seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Mr. Roland moved to affix signatures to the 2007 road materials bid documents. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Preston noted he would prefer the materials be delivered and noted concerns of the entire information not being provided to bidders prior to bid on the method of evaluating and awarding the bids received. There was more discussion regarding delivery of materials and Mr. Rinehart noted the materials could harden before they can be spread properly. The item was tabled and the motion died.

As a result of a memo received from the Codes Department, there was a discussion regarding the complaints that have been received about the music coming from

Brownbacks Church. Mr. Rinehart is to contact the church parishioners and residents to resolve the issue of noise from the church, if possible.

A letter was received from Calvary Baptist Church regarding EDU's and waiving of the EDU fees. Mr. Preston noted that EDU fees are not waived and EDU's cannot be reserved both according to the existing Board of Supervisor's policy.

Mr. Roland handed out a volunteer application form to be made available at the township office.

Mr. Roland noted the draft recycling ordinance and discussion of the item would be deferred to a later date.

Mr. Preston moved to engage Municipal Resources to provide services at a cost of \$7,000 plus expenses to do the manager search. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Mr. Rinehart moved to authorize signature of letter to allow Debbie Kopysteck and Bonnie Frisco to transfer funds from certificate of deposits of General Fund monies to the General Fund. The motion did not authorize transfer of funds between other funds unless authorized by a vote of the Board of Supervisors at a regularly scheduled public board meeting. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

The workshop meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Roland  
Assistant Township Secretary